a nurse practices without a license, including any period in which a license or temporary license has lapsed, commits an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action after failing to renew a license, engages in conduct derogatory to the profession or that demonstrates a lack of moral character, or violates alcohol or drug laws.

House Bill 221, which was passed by the General Assembly and will be signed by me on May 25, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 170.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill No. 170

AN ACT concerning

Nurses - Practice Qualifications - Grounds for Discipline

FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant for certain nursing licenses or certification to be of good moral character; specifying certain grounds on which the State Board of Nursing may take disciplinary action against certain nursing licensees or applicants; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the practice of nursing.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 8-302(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 8-302(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 8-316

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

8-302.